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Media Invited to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2017 Federal Duck Stamp Contest at University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's annual national wildlife art competition – the 2017 Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest – is coming to Wisconsin September 15 and 16, hosted in partnership with the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

The media are invited to join state, regional and national conservation leaders both days as five judges review more than 200 contest entries and select the winning artwork. Judging for the duck stamp begins at 10 a.m. Friday and continues at 10 a.m. Saturday, with a final selection announced around noon. The winning art selected will appear on the 2018-2019 Federal Duck Stamp. The Federal Duck Stamp plays a critically important role in wildlife conservation. Since 1934 sales from the iconic stamp raised more than \$950 million to protect nearly six million acres of wetlands habitat.

Information for the media is available at:

<https://www.fws.gov/midwest/news/DuckStamp2017.html>

A list of activities and schedule of events is available at: <https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/Pages/Federal-Duck-Stamp-Contest.aspx>

What: Selection of the 2017 Federal Duck Stamp Contest Winner

When: September 15-16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. CST (ceremony and judging begin at 10:00 a.m. daily; winning artwork *expected* to be announced on Saturday between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon)

Where: Noel Fine Arts Center - UW Stevens Point, 1800 Portage St, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Who: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Interim Secretary Kurt Thiede and other conservation leaders.

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